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CAPTAIN FLASH

Out of the pages of the past, rode the BLACK KNIGHT bearing weapons created by modern science! Only Captain Flash dared challenge this alliance of yesterday and today to a duel which meant death for either him or one who called himself...

The Black Knight



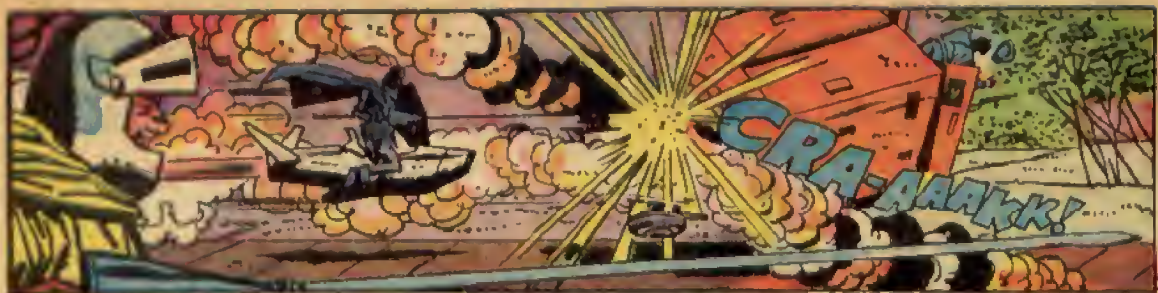
ON A COUNTRY ROAD NEAR ATOM CITY, AN ARMORED CAR IS DELIVERING THE WEEKLY PAYROLL TO A NEARBY FACTORY...

I'M GLAD THIS IS OUR LAST TRIP TODAY... I'M BEAT! HEY! I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!

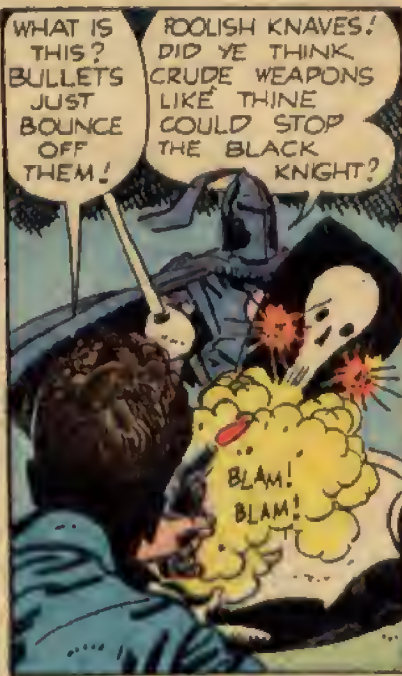


IT ISN'T POSSIBLE! WHA...?!





MAKE HASTE...
IT GROWS DARK!



WHAT IS
THIS?
BULLETS
JUST
BOUNCE
OFF
THEM!

FOOLISH KNAVES!
DID YE THINK
CRUDE WEAPONS
LIKE THINE
COULD STOP
THE BLACK
KNIGHT?

BLAM!
BLAM!

A FEW MINUTES LATER,
THE BLACK KNIGHT AND
HIS MEN, RETURN TO THEIR
CASTLE HIDEOUT...

PRETTY GOOD
PICKINGS FOR
FIFTEEN MIN-
UTES WORK!

YEAH!
THE DOC
REALLY
KNOWS
HIS
BUSINESS!



INSIDE THE CASTLE, THE BLACK
KNIGHT CALLS A MEETING
OF ALL HIS MEN...



TOMORROW
WE RAID
THE MAIL
TRAIN!

LOOK,
DOC, SOME OF
US GUYS HAVE
BEEN TALKING.
DO WE HAVE TO
WEAR THIS SILLY
GET-UP EVERY TIME
WE PULL A JOB?

SILENCE, FOOL! YE BE
NO TRUE KNIGHT OF THE
REALM TO MAKE SUCH
A REQUEST!



OKAY...
OKAY... DON'T
BLOW YOUR
TOP! I JUST
ASKED!

SOMETIMES I
WONDER IF THE
DOC'S GOT ALL
HIS
BUTTONS!



WHAT DO YOU
CARE? HE'S
SHOWING US
HOW TO MAKE
A FORTUNE!

YEAH... AND
THESE WEAP-
ONS HE IN-
VENTED... THEY
LOOK FUNNY
BUT THEY SURE
TEAR THINGS
APART!

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, THE POLICE ARE POWERLESS AGAINST THE BLACK KNIGHT AND HIS MEN...



MEANWHILE, IN HIS LABORATORY, PROFESSOR KEITH SPENCER IS DEMONSTRATING HIS NEW INVENTION TO HIS YOUNG FRIEND RICKY...

IF YOUR NEW MIDGET ELECTRO MAGNET WORKS, IT'LL SURE BE A BIG HELP TO INDUSTRY, WON'T IT KEITH?

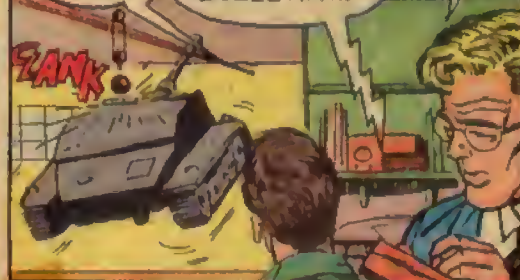
I HOPE SO, RICKY! WE'LL KNOW IN ANOTHER MINUTE!



GEE... THAT'S TERRIFIC, KEITH!

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU A SPECIAL BULLETIN...

LISTEN, RICKY...



THE F.B.I. TODAY ISSUED A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR THE AID OF CAPTAIN FLASH! IF YOU ARE LISTENING, CAPTAIN FLASH, GET IN TOUCH WITH...

ARE WE GOING TO ANSWER THE APPEAL, KEITH?

CERTAINLY! THE F.B.I. WOULD NEVER ASK FOR HELP IF IT WEREN'T IMPORTANT!



CLAP!



CLAP OF HIS HANDS, AND IN PLACE OF KEITH SPENCER...

THE MIGHTY CAPTAIN FLASH!



A FEW MINUTES LATER AT THE LOCAL F.B.I. OFFICE...

I HEARD YOUR APPEAL, SIR, AND I'M HERE TO DO ANYTHING I CAN!

THANK YOU, CAPTAIN FLASH... I ONLY HOPE AND PRAY YOU CAN!

YOU'VE HEARD OF THE BLACK KNIGHT...WELL, IT SEEMS HE'S GROWN TIRED OF JUST ROBBING BANKS, AND THE LIKE! THIS AFTER-NOON, HE AND HIS MEN STOLE THE PLANS FOR A NEW GUIDED MISSILE THIS COUNTRY HAS JUST DEVELOPED!

SEVERAL FOREIGN POWERS WOULD PAY ANY PRICE TO GET HOLD OF THOSE PLANS! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP US, CAPTAIN FLASH?

I THINK I MAY BE ABLE TO, SIR... BUT FIRST I WANT TO MAKE A PHONE CALL TO THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL!

DOCTOR, IS CONRAD KREUGER STILL A PATIENT THERE?

WE'VE TRIED TO KEEP IT A SECRET, BUT KREUGER ESCAPED LAST MONTH...

I THINK I KNOW WHO THE BLACK KNIGHT IS!

PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD OF DR. CONRAD KREUGER, ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTISTS IN THE WORLD. UNFORTUNATELY, HE WENT INSANE--HE HAS A PHOBIA ABOUT CONQUERING THE WORLD. LAST YEAR, HE WAS COMMITTED TO THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL!

KREUGER WAS AN AUTHORITY ON KNIGHTHOOD AND THE MEDIEVAL AGES-- HE EVEN LIVED IN A RE-CONSTRUCTED CASTLE-- I'M POSITIVE HE'S OUR MAN!

BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIND HIM?

SOMEHOW, I'VE GOT TO GET HIM OUT INTO THE OPEN... WAIT... I THINK I KNOW HOW!

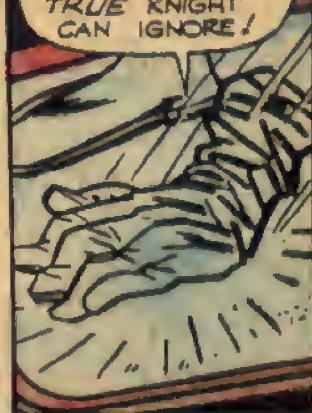
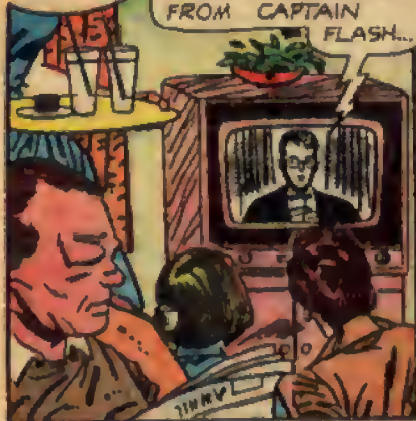
KREUGER'S OBSESSION WITH KNIGHTHOOD GIVES ME AN IDEA! I'LL CHALLENGE HIM TO A TRIAL BY COMBAT-- AND I'M SURE KREUGER WILL ACCEPT!

THAT
EVENING...

WE INTERRUPT THIS
PROGRAM FOR A
SPECIAL MESSAGE
FROM CAPTAIN
FLASH...

TO THAT CRAVEN COWARD
WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE
BLACK KNIGHT...IF YOU
ARE LISTENING, I CHAL-
LENGE YOU TO A TRIAL
BY COMBAT...

I CAST DOWN MY
GAUNTLET... A
CHALLENGE NO
TRUE KNIGHT
CAN IGNORE!



VARLET! SWINE! CAPTAIN
FLASH, THIS NIGHT YE
HAVE SIGNED THINE OWN
DEATH WARRANT!

HEY,
BOSS--
WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
TO DO?

OUT OF MY WAY,
KNAVES! THE
BLACK
KNIGHT HAS
BEEN
CHALLENGED!

BOSS, YOU DON'T MEAN
YOU'VE FALLEN FOR THAT
CHALLENGE? IT'S
A TRAP!

SILENCE, FOOLS!
DO YE THINK AN
ORDINARY MAN
COULD TRICK THE
BLACK KNIGHT?



LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER, AT THE TELEVISION STUDIO
WHERE CAPTAIN FLASH AND RICKY ARE WAITING...

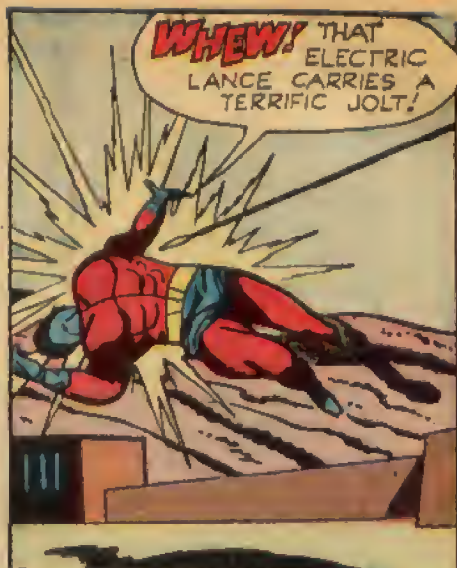
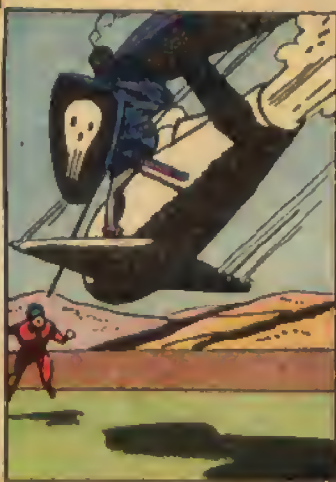
A MAN DRESSED LIKE A KNIGHT
JUST BROUGHT THIS FOR YOU,
CAPTAIN FLASH!

To Captain Flash--
Be it known that the
BLACK KNIGHT accepts
the challenge of a trial
by combat at dawn
tomorrow at Whitney
Dam.



AT DAWN, THE NEXT MORNING, CAPTAIN FLASH AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF THE BLACK KNIGHT...

THE BLACK KNIGHT THUNDERS TOWARD THE INVINCIBLE CAPTAIN FLASH...



ASAIN AND AGAIN THE BLACK KNIGHT ATTACKS...



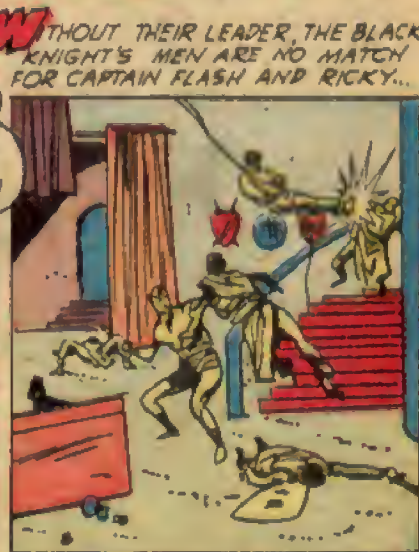
AND ONLY CAPTAIN FLASH'S STRENGTH AND AGILITY KEEP HIM FROM DISASTER!

MEANWHILE... HE HASN'T A CHANCE AGAINST THE BLACK KNIGHT'S SUPERIOR WEAPONS. HIS ONLY HOPE IS THE NEW ELECTRO-MAGNET! I HOPE IT WORKS AT THIS DISTANCE!



THANK HEAVENS! IT'S WORKING!





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CAPT. FLASH!

Who is *The Actor*? He can be you... or you! Nobody knows where he will strike next or who will be the victim! But when his path crosses Captain Flash even the mighty crime fighter finds he's not immune to the criminal mind of...

THE ACTOR!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

HA, HA! THE FOOLS LET ME WALK RIGHT THROUGH THE GATES!



NEXT MORNING, AT A THIRD RATE HOTEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C....

...AND THE PRISON AUTHORITIES ARE STILL PUZZLED OVER HOW SULLIVAN ESCAPED!



BOSS! OF COURSE I DID! THERE'S NO PRISON THAT CAN HOLD "HANDSOME" HARRY SULLIVAN ANYMORE!

WHAT'VE YOU GOT PLANNED FOR US, BOSS? THE SAME OLD RACKETS?

NOT ON YOUR LIFE! I'VE GOT SOMETHING A LOT BETTER! WAIT TILL I SHOW YOU!



SULLIVAN DISAPPEARS INTO ANOTHER ROOM, AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...



I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!

IT'S ANOTHER GUS! I MEAN ME!

REALLY FOOLS YOU, DOESN'T IT? RELAX, I'M HARRY!

GEE, BOSS! BUT YOU LOOK EXACTLY LIKE ME! HOW'D YOU DO IT?



MY CELL-MATE WAS AN OLD CHEMIST... HE DEVELOPED A LIQUID... WHEN I PUT IT ON MY FACE, I CAN MY FEATURES TO LOOK LIKE ANYONE!



FROM NOW ON, WITH A LITTLE ASSISTANCE FROM THE ACTOR, BANK PRESIDENTS WILL BE ROBBING THEIR OWN BANKS!



A FEW DAYS LATER, AT THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK...

I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE PRESIDENT!

RIGHT
THIS
WAY,
SIR!

INSIDE THE BANK PRESIDENT'S OFFICE...

NOW, WHAT
WAS IT...?
OOOOHHH!

THAT DOES IT...EVEN HIS OWN
MOTHER COULDN'T TELL
US APART!

OPEN THE
VAULT, GUARD!

YES,
SIR.

A FEW MINUTES LATER..

I'LL BE GONE FOR THE
REST OF THE DAY..

IN THREE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, THE ACTOR AND HIS GANG MAKE A RICH HAUL...

YES, IT WAS
MR. FRENCH,
THE BANK
PRESIDENT!
I SAW HIM!

DAILY GRAPHIC
TEN WITNESSES
SWEAR THEY
SAW BANK PRES-
IDENT ROY BANK
PRESIDENT IN CHARGE

EMPLOYEES BY THE
OWNER ROBBED
JEWELRY



WITNESSES SAY
THEY SAW STORE
MANAGER WALK
OUT WITH A BAG
FULL OF MONEY

MYSTEROUS ROBERTS
TIME

LOAN CO. OFFICIAL
DENIES HE STOLE
COMPANY FUNDS
WITNESSES TELL DIFFERENT
STORY

MEANWHILE, KEITH SPENCER AND RICKY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR A SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE, DECIDE TO DO A LITTLE NIGHT-SEEING...

WE'VE GOT A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER TODAY!

GEE, YES! I WANT TO SEE EVERYTHING!



STOP THAT MAN! HE ROBBED MY STORE!

COME ON, RICKY... AFTER HIM!

JEWELRY



BUT FIRST...

READY, ROCKY?

RIGHT!



A CLAP OF THE HANDS SETS OFF A MINIA-TURE ATOMIC EXPLOSION INSIDE OF KEITH SPENCER CHANGING HIM INTO THE MIGHTY CAPTAIN FLASH!

CLAP!



CRACK!

A MINUTE LATER, BACK ON THE STREET...

BUT WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE? THE STREET'S COMPLETELY DESERTED EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE MAN!

AND HE DOESN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE THE OTHER ONE!

THE FOOLS DON'T RECOGNIZE ME!



RETURNING TO THE STORE, CAPTAIN FLASH AND RICKY HEAR THE OWNER'S STORY...

MY EMPLOYEES SAY HE WAS MY DOUBLE... BUT THE MAN WHO HIT ME, LOOKED NOTHING LIKE ME!



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, CAPTAIN FLASH?

AS INCREDIBLE AS IT SOUNDS, RICKY, I THINK IT'S THE SAME PERSON AT THE BOTTOM OF ALL THESE ROBBERIES... SOMEONE WHO IS A GENIUS AT DISGUIISING HIMSELF!



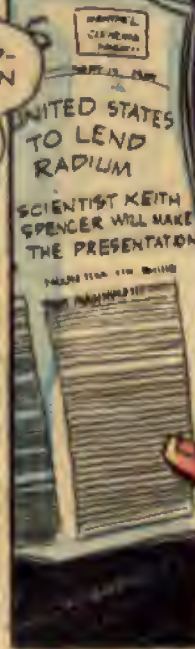
THAT NIGHT IN THEIR HOTEL ROOM...

AMBASSADOR OSAKI TODAY ASKED THE U.S. TO LEND HIS COUNTRY THREE OUNCES OF RADIUM FOR THE TREATMENT OF CANCER PATIENTS...

THAT NEWS BROADCAST GIVES ME AN IDEA, RICKY... I THINK WE CAN PROVIDE THE PROPER BAIT TO CATCH OUR MAN!



THE NEXT MORNING...



IN HIS HIDEOUT, THE ACTOR ALSO READS THE NEWS...

THAT MUCH RADIUM WOULD BRING A FORTUNE IN THE RIGHT PLACES! BOYS-- WE'RE GOING TO BRANCH OUT A LITTLE!



THE ACTOR TAKES KEITH SPENCER'S OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION, AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...



...KEITH SPENCER FIGHTS AGAINST UNCONSCIOUSNESS...



WEAKLY, HE MANAGES TO BRING HIS HANDS TOGETHER...



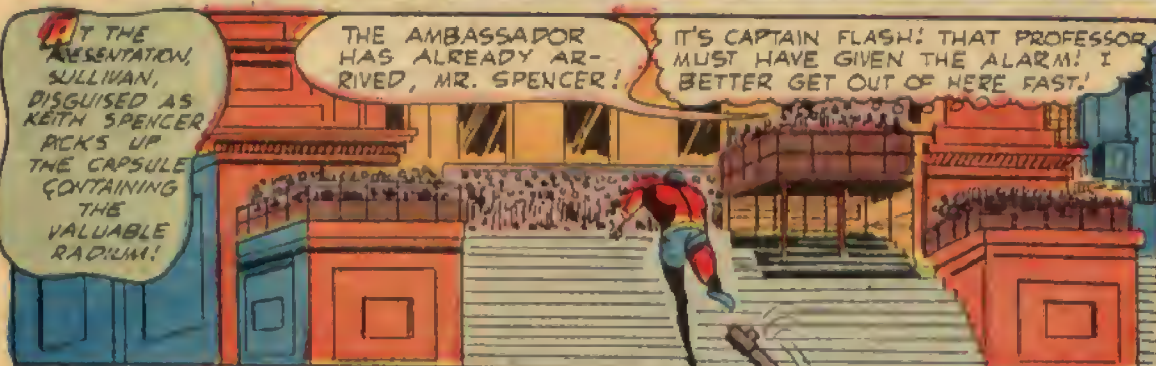
I'VE GOT TO GET TO THAT PRESENTATION BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...



AT THE PRESENTATION, SULLIVAN, DISGUISED AS KEITH SPENCER, PICKS UP THE CAPSULE CONTAINING THE VALUABLE RADIUM!

THE AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY ARRIVED, MR. SPENCER!

IT'S CAPTAIN FLASH! THAT PROFESSOR MUST HAVE GIVEN THE ALARM! I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE FAST!



GET HIM, GUS!

HE'S A DEAD DUCK, BOSS!



AIEE!



KRAK!

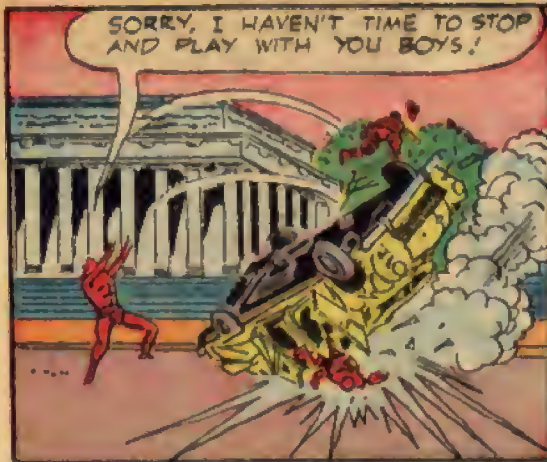


THERE'S THE TWO-FACED WEASEL FOR A WANT!

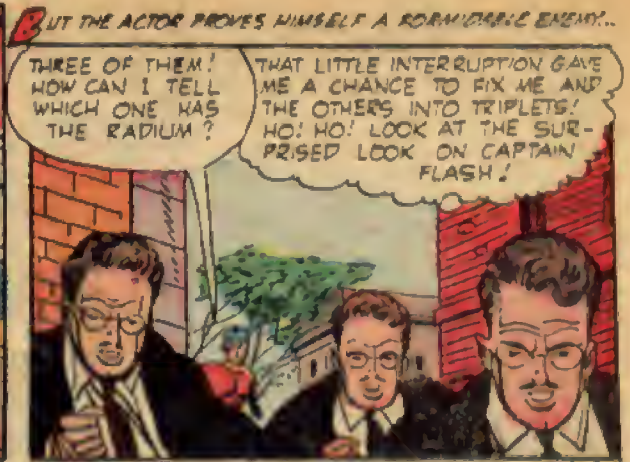


HIT HIM! HE'S AFTER THE BOSS!



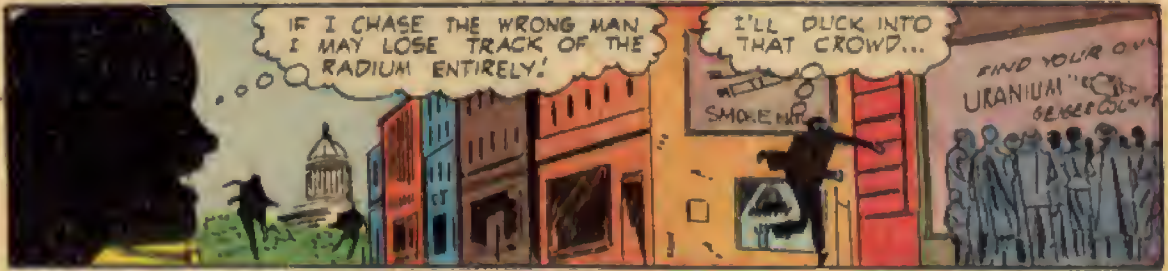


SORRY, I HAVEN'T TIME TO STOP AND PLAY WITH YOU BOYS!



BUT THE ACTOR PROVES HIMSELF A FORMIDABLE ENEMY...
THREE OF THEM! HOW CAN I TELL WHICH ONE HAS THE RADIUM?

THAT LITTLE INTERRUPTION GAVE ME A CHANCE TO FIX ME AND THE OTHERS INTO TRIPLETS! HO! HO! LOOK AT THE SURPRISED LOOK ON CAPTAIN FLASH!



IF I CHASE THE WRONG MAN I MAY LOSE TRACK OF THE RADIUM ENTIRELY!

I'LL DUCK INTO THAT CROWD...



URANIUM GEIGER COUNTERS

HE'S THE ONE I WANT! THE RADIUM HE'S CARRYING IS MAKING THOSE GEIGER COUNTERS GO CRAZY!

WAIT A MINUTE, ACTOR! I'M GOING TO DO A FACIAL JOB ON YOU NOW!



AIEEEE!



MINUTES LATER, CAPTAIN FLASH TURNS THE RADIUM AND THE ACTOR OVER TO THE POLICE!

HE USED SOME CHEMICAL TO PUT HIS FEATURES INTO OTHER PEOPLE! I THINK YOU WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING HIM TO ADMIT ALL THOSE OTHER ROBBERIES!

SURE I DID THEM, BUT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME, CAPTAIN FLASH! NO JAIL WILL EVER HOLD THE ACTOR!

THE END

TOMBOY!

A new type of criminal, employing a new weapon of assault, hits the headlines and the cash registers of helpless citizens! Sound Wave, master sound technician, genius of simulated sound, author of a hundred bizarre crimes. Are the nimble feet and steel fists of Tomboy enough to check this fiend who is rapidly becoming a frightened city's one man...

CRIME WAVE!



ONE AFTERNOON IN ONE OF THE TOWN'S BETTER JEWELRY STORES...





IT IS
SOUND
WAVE!

I'D AS SOON KILL YOU AS
LOOK AT YOU! GO TO
WORK, BOYS! PUT 'EM
TO SLEEP FIRST!



OKAY,
SOUND
WAVE!

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED CHILD-
REN! IT'S MERE SLEEPING
GAS! WE WANT TO ROB YOUR
PLACE AT OUR LEISURE!
HEH! HEH!



HA! HA! THE
IDIOTS ARE STILL
IN THE DARK!
EACH ROBBERY
CONFUSES THEM
EVEN MORE!

YOU SAID IT
SOUND WAVE!
NOTHING
CAN STOP
US! YOU'RE
ALWAYS
THINKIN' UP
NEW GIMMICKS!

AND SO, SOUND WAVE STRUCK
AGAIN AND AGAIN WITH NEW
TECHNIQUES AND IN UNEXPECTED
PLACES...



THIS IS SOUND
WAVE! WE'VE GOT
ENOUGH TNT PLANTED
UNDER YOUR ARMORED
TRUCK TO BLOW YOU TO
KINGDOM COME!
COME OUT WITH
YOUR HANDS HIGH!



OKAY, BOYS!
THIS POT IS
MINE! GET
DOWN ON
THE FLOOR
OR YOU ALL
GET IT IN
THE BACK!

(GASP!)
IT'S
SOUND
WAVE! GET
DOWN--HE
AIN'T
KIDDIN'!



SORRY TO INTERRUPT
THE PARTY, FOLKS, BUT
YOU'LL GET MORE THAN
INDIGESTION OUT OF THIS
MEAL IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW
ORDERS! MY MEN ARE
OUT DE EVERY EXIT. THEY
ARE ORDERS TO SHOOT
TO KILL!

IN THE HOME OF LT. JACKSON OF THE POLICE FORCE...



MORE REPORTS OF SOUND WAVE ROBBERIES! THIS ROGUE IS TURNING INTO A ONE MAN CRIME WAVE!

THEN I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME TOMBOY LOOKED INTO THE CASE!

TOMBOY? WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT TOMBOY, JANIE?

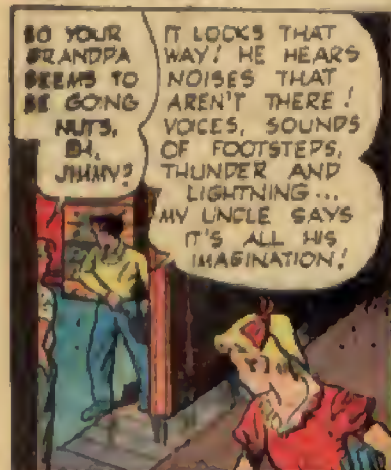
NOTHING EXCEPT THAT SHE'S HELPED THE POLICE MORE THAN ONCE!

I'LL SAY SHE HAS! THERE'S A GIRL WITH BRAINS, MUSCLE AND HEART! SHE'S GOT THE WHOLE UNDERWORLD SCARED OF HER! RIGHT, DAD?

RIGHT! ANSWER THE DOORBELL, CHARLES. IT MUST BE YOUR FRIEND, JIMMY SANDERS!



SHORTLY AFTER, AS JANIE PASSES HER BROTHER'S ROOM...



SO YOUR GRANDPA SEEMS TO BE GOING NUTS, BJ, JIMMY?

IT LOOKS THAT WAY! HE HEARS NOISES THAT AREN'T THERE! VOICES, SOUNDS OF FOOTSTEPS, THUNDER AND LIGHTNING... MY UNCLE SAYS IT'S ALL HIS IMAGINATION!

MY UNCLE SAYS GRANDPA IS GOING BATTY... BUT EVERYBODY IN THE FAMILY IS WORRIED. GRANDPA HAS A WEAK HEART AND IF HE HEARS ANY MORE VOICES...

I WONDER... I JUST WONDER...



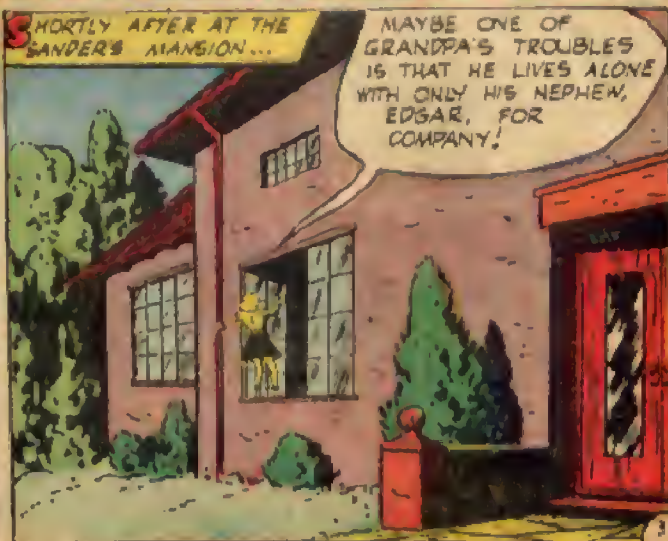
IN JANIE'S ROOM, A QUICK SECRET TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE...



I MET JIMMY'S GRANDFATHER! HE'S A NICE OLD MAN WHO'S BRAINS ARE ANYTHING BUT SOFT! WHAT IF HE ACTUALLY HEARD THOSE SOUNDS?

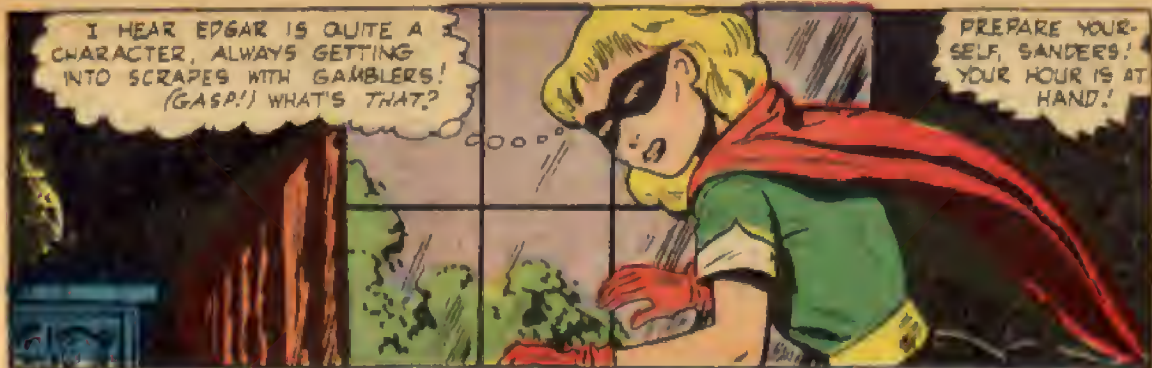


WITH ALL THIS TALK OF SOUND WAVE, I'M GETTING SOUND HAPPY! AT ANY RATE, IT WON'T HURT IF TOMBOY TUNES INTO GRANDPA SANDER'S TROUBLES!



SHORTLY AFTER AT THE SANDERS MANSION...

MAYBE ONE OF GRANDPA'S TROUBLES IS THAT HE LIVES ALONE WITH ONLY HIS NEPHEW, EDGAR, FOR COMPANY!



I HEAR EDGAR IS QUITE A CHARACTER, ALWAYS GETTING INTO SCRAPES WITH GAMBLERS! (GASP!) WHAT'S THAT?

PREPARE YOURSELF, SANDERS! YOUR HOUR IS AT HAND!



HEAR THOSE FOOTSTEPS, SANDERS? DEATH IS COMING FOR YOU! CLUMP! CLUMP! CLUMP!

IF THAT'S WHAT GRAND-PA HEARS, I DON'T BLAME HIM FOR GOING BATTY!



MOMENTS LATER, OUTSIDE THE SANDERS' LIVING ROOM...

EDGAR! WHERE ARE YOU? THOSE VOICES -- (GASP!) THEY'RE BACK! I HEAR FOOTSTEPS!

IT'S COMING FROM THE TV! I'LL JUST CUT EVERY WIRE EXCEPT THE THICK CABLE LEADING TO THE ANTENNA!



THIS LETTER OPENER COMES IN HANDY! THERE!

CLUMP! CLU--

THE FOOTSTEPS -- THEY'VE STOPPED!



ONE THING IS CLEAR! IT WASN'T HIS IMAGINATION THAT WAS DRIVING GRAND-PA MAD! I'LL BET THERE'S WIRING LIKE THIS IN EVERY ROOM OF THE HOUSE!



SECONDS LATER IN AN UPSTAIRS ROOM...

EDGAR, I PRESUME? THE BROADCAST STOPPED! (GASP!) SOUND WAVE! HELP! HELP!



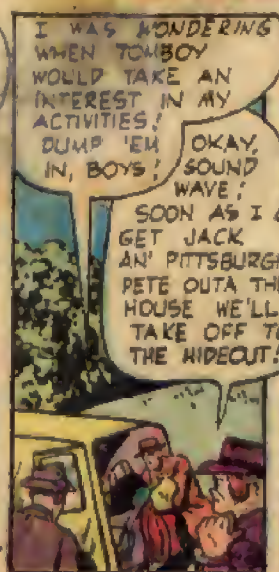
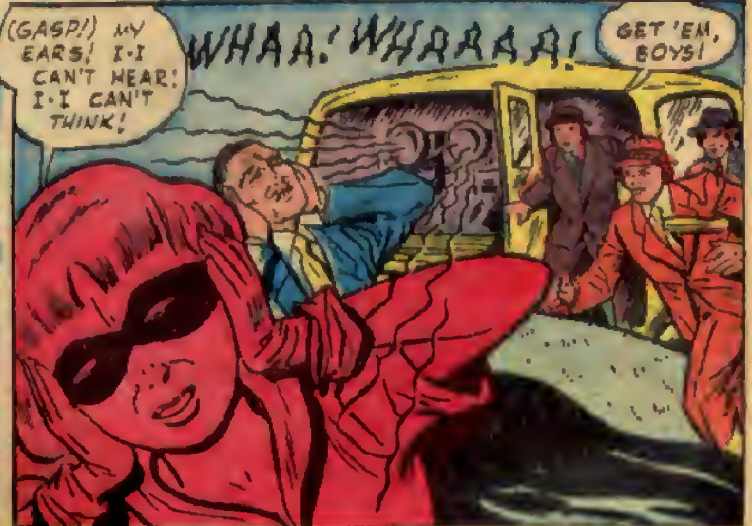
SO YOU'RE IN CAHOOTS WITH SOUND WAVE?!

CAHOOTS? YOU LITTLE IDIOT, I FINANCED HIM! WHEN I GET THE OLD FOOL'S MONEY, WE'LL DO EVEN BIGGER THINGS! BUT FIRST, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU!



MINUTES LATER, ON THE TERRACE OUTSIDE...

SUDDENLY, THE SIDE OF A PARKED REPAIR TRUCK GOES DOWN. A BLAST OF SOUND HITS THE REELING FIGURES ON THE LAWN.



"EVENTUALLY" IS A LONG TIME, TOMBOY! ENOUGH TIME TO LET US CLEAN UP A PILE AND SCARE OLD MAN SANDERS TO DEATH SO HE CAN LEAVE HIS FORTUNE TO EDGAR! IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR EDGAR AFTER HE BACKED ME!



BY THE WAY, WE'RE ABOUT TO PULL OUR BIGGEST JOB! THE KIMBLE LAWN PARTY! ENJOY THE MUSIC WHILE WE'RE KNOCKING 'EM DEAD WITH OUR SOUND WAVES!



SUPPLY, TOMBOY NOTICES SOUND WAVE'S DOG UNDER THE TABLE... WRITHING...

HE HEARS SOMETHING SO HIGH-PITCHED ONLY A DOG CAN HEAR IT! (GASP!) WAIT! SOUND WAVES OF A CERTAIN PITCH AND INTENSITY CAN BREAK GLASS! THAT GLASS BOWL...TEN TO ONE IT'S FULL OF POISON GAS! IT'S SOUND WAVE'S PECULIAR WAY OF GETTING RID OF ME!



WELL, THERE'S ANOTHER PECULIAR THING ABOUT SWIVEL CHAIRS! THEY SWIVEL!



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HALF HOUR LATER, AT THE KIMBLE LAWN PARTY...



(GASP!) SOUND WAVE! SOMEBODY TURNED OFF THE SOUND IN THE TRUCK!

AND THAT SOMEBODY IS ME!

THERE'S ANOTHER SOUND YOU'LL SOON HEAR, PAL! A POLICE SIREN! AND THERE IT IS!



THE NEXT MORNING...

"--AND TOMBOY SENT FOR THE POLICE OVER SOUND WAVE'S OWN RADIO EQUIPMENT BEFORE SHE ATTACKED HIS THUGS! GOLLY, JANIE--I'D SURE LIKE TO MEET THAT GIRL SOMEDAY!

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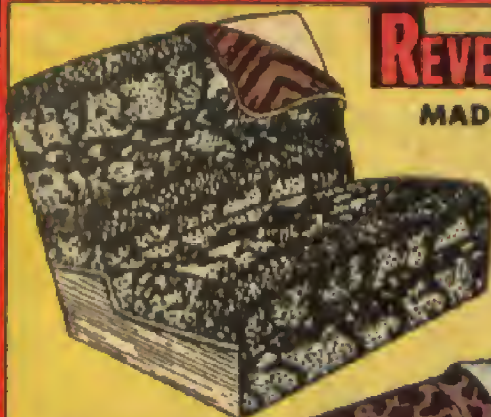
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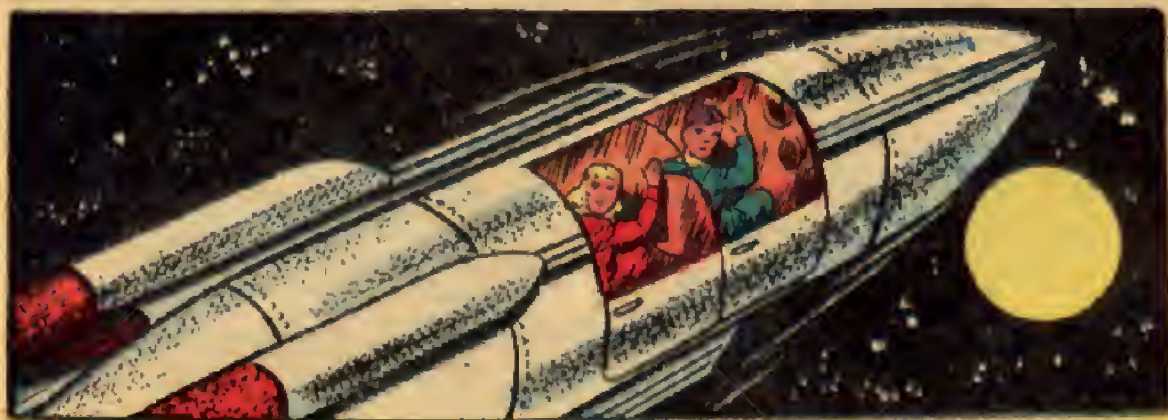
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A TRIP THROUGH SPACE



THE record holders in space travel are not men. They are mice. In 1953 the United States Air Force gave ten mice a ride in an Aierobee rocket. Although the rocket reached a speed of 2000 miles an hour and a height of 40 miles, the mice landed safely.

Monkeys which were shot up in V-2 rockets went up higher to an altitude of 80 miles but they died in landing. Photographs were taken by automatic cameras placed inside the rocket and show that the monkeys were not harmed by the actual flight. The nose section of the rocket in which they rode was supposed to be lowered by parachutes. These failed to open, and the animals were killed instantly when they crashed to the ground.

This is not the first time that animals have been used in testing a flying machine. About 150 years ago, the Montgolfier brothers built a lighter-than-air balloon. The first passengers to go up in it were a rooster, a duck and a sheep.

After the inventors saw that these animals lived through a balloon flight, they went up too. Soon many other people were flying in balloons.

Although comic books, radio and television programs are full of space-ship stories in which the heroes make regular take-offs to distant planets, scientists say we have many problems to solve before any human being can actually leave the earth—and come back.

Present day rockets are really just guided missiles but they show how space ships can be powered. The force that drives a rocket is known as a kick-back. Whenever an object is pushed in one direction, it pushes back with equal force. Push against a wall and the wall pushes back against you. You won't feel the kick-back because the friction of your body against the air and the floor overcomes this force. But put on a pair of skates and then push against a wall. The wheels cut down friction and away you go—away from the wall.

Blow up a balloon and then let it go without tying up the neck. Air escaping from the neck pushes one way. The balloon kicks back and moves in the opposite direction.

In a real rocket, fuel is exploded in the tail. As the expanding gases force their way out of the nozzle, the body of the rocket gives a powerful kick-back. This creates a forward thrust.

Anything that goes up from the earth must work against the pull of gravity. A rocket will fall back to the earth unless it is going so fast that it can overcome the gravity of our planet. This force is so strong that a rocket, or any other object, taking off from sea level, must pick up a speed of 25,000 miles an hour to break away from the grip of the earth's gravity.

A rocket starting from a point several hundred miles above the earth needs less speed to shoot away into space. As objects get farther away from earth, gravity has less influence on them.

This is why scientists believe that a three-stage rocket might be the means for making a take-off from our planet. In this arrangement a carrier rocket has a second rocket riding on it. A third rocket rides on the second one. The carrier will be blasted from earth, and then at a certain distance the second rocket will be shot from it. The second rocket will move faster than the first because its speed will be stepped up by that of its carrier. Besides it will have less of

the earth's gravity to contend with.

The final step will be the shooting off of the third rocket, which will go still faster. The first two rockets will drop back to earth, but the third one will keep on—perhaps to the moon!

Once a rocket is set in motion, it continues to move until stopped by some outside force. All objects behave in this way. Motion is really their natural state. Here on the ground and as far up as the atmosphere goes, friction of the air acts as a brake on anything that moves. But beyond the earth's atmosphere a rocket can coast along endlessly. It will keep on moving without fuel—just like a planet or a moon—until it is attracted to a nearby heavenly body.

Rocket experts claim they have the technical knowledge needed to build a three-stage rocket that can be shot into outer space. But before a rocket can be landed on the moon, scientists must learn how to control flight so that rockets can be sent exactly where we want them to go. There is also the question of landing gear. Slowing up speed is just as difficult as attaining it.

Hundreds of experiments are needed before these problems can be solved. In testing the safety of rocket equipment, animals will be used. Monkeys, not men, may be the first creatures to zoom through space. But by the time you boys and girls grow up, you too, can take your turn for a trip through space!

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A FEW MINUTES LATER, IN DR. MITCHELL'S HOTEL ROOM...



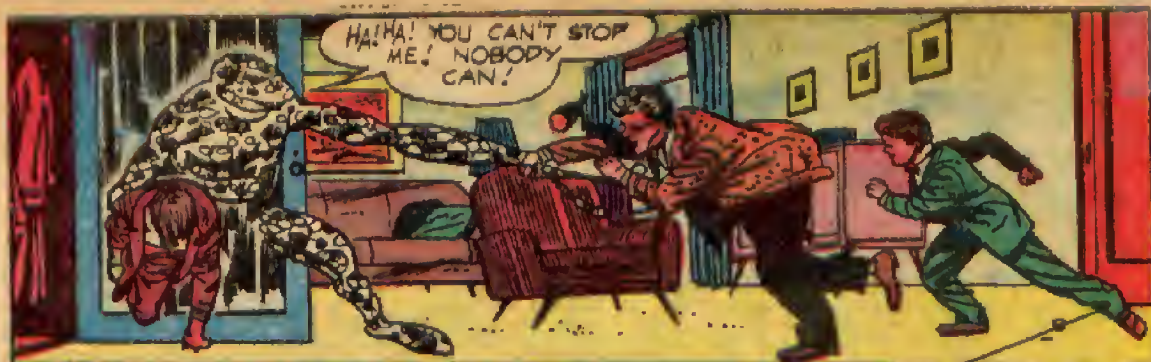
HE MUST HAVE PUT UP QUITE A STRUGGLE AGAINST HIS ASSAILANT-- WHOEVER IT WAS!



AFTER KEITH SPENCER REPORTS HIS FINDINGS TO THE SECURITY OFFICERS...

IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT DR. MITCHELL HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED-- PERHAPS BY FOREIGN AGENTS UNFRIENDLY TO THIS CONFERENCE!. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT ALL MEMBERS WITH A 24 HOUR GUARD!





BY CLAPPING HIS HANDS, A MINIATURE ATOMIC EXPLOSION ROCKS THE BODY OF PROFESSOR KEITH SPENCER AS HE CHANGES TO THE INVINCIBLE CAPTAIN FLASH!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, CAPTAIN FLASH AND RICKY ARE TELLING THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SECURITY THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF MIRROR MAN!

HE'S OUT TO DESTROY EARTH'S BEST BRAINS, BUT AS LONG AS HE HAS A MIRROR, TO FLOW BACK INTO, I CAN'T DEFEAT HIM!

THIS MIRROR MAN SOUNDS LIKE A MORE FORMIDABLE OPPONENT THAN ANY ENEMY AGENT!

HE IS! SIR, IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT ALL MIRRORS BE REMOVED IN THE HOTEL ROOMS OF CONFERENCE MEMBERS! THEN, I HAVE A PLAN THAT I THINK MAY WORK AGAINST THE MIRROR MAN!

THAT EVENING, A NOTICE APPEARS ON THE HOTEL BULLETIN BOARD...

NOTICE

Tomorrow's meeting of the Atomic conference will take place in *The MIRROR ROOM* in the east wing.

DRIVEN BY MIRROR
OCTOBER 1941
PAGE 6831

THE NEXT MORNING AS NERVOUS CONFERENCE MEMBERS ASSEMBLE FOR THEIR MORNING MEETING...



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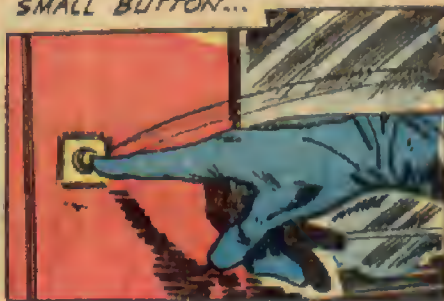
ARGGHHHH!



I SELDOM HAVE A SELECTION OF ALL THE WORLD'S BEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS TO CHOOSE MY VICTIMS FROM!

HELP! LET ME GO!

UNNOTICED BY MIRROR MAN, CAPTAIN FLASH PUSHES A SMALL BUTTON...



AND IN A SECOND'S TIME, THE MIRRORS SPIN AROUND AND DISAPPEAR!



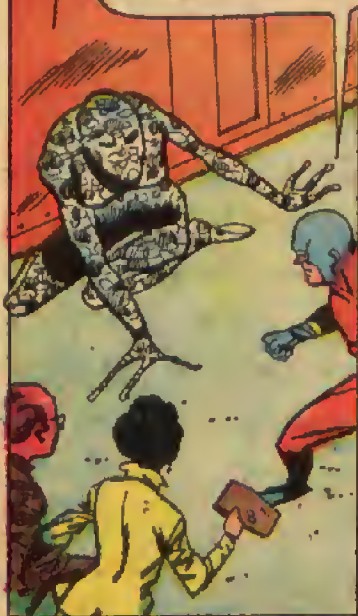
NOW WE MEET ON MY TERMS, MIRROR MAN!

I UNDERESTIMATED YOU, CAPTAIN FLASH!



THIS IS CLEARLY YOUR ROUND, CAPTAIN FLASH! BUT NOT YOUR VICTORY! WE'LL MEET AGAIN!

IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU, MIRROR MAN! THIS TIME THERE'S NO MIRROR FOR YOU TO DIS-APPEAR INTO!



BUT YOU'RE WRONG, CAPTAIN FLASH! SEE?



HERE'S A MIRROR YOU FORGOT!



BEFORE CAPTAIN FLASH CAN STOP HIM, THE MIRROR MAN HAS RE-TREATED INTO THE SMALL MIRROR!

IT'S USELESS! I CAN NEVER HOLD HIM ONCE HE GAINS ACCESS TO A MIRROR!



WE'LL MEET AGAIN, CAPTAIN FLASH! AND WHEN WE DO, I SWEAR YOU'LL PAY DEARLY FOR YOUR INTERFERENCE!

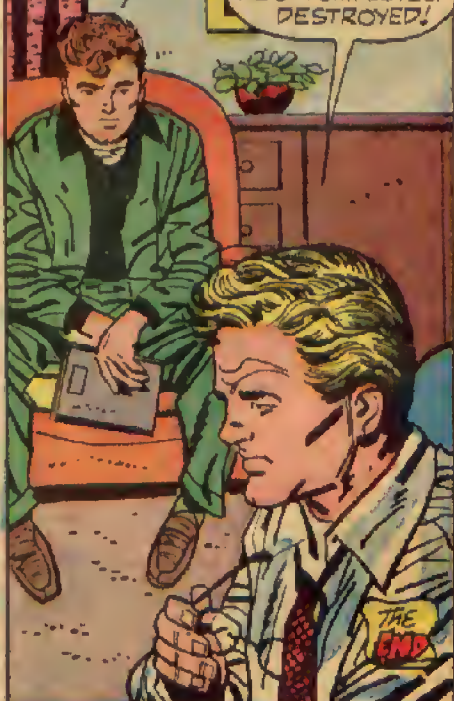


ALTHOUGH THE PRESS DOES NOT CARRY THE STORY OF CAPTAIN FLASH'S BATTLE WITH THE MIRROR MAN, IT DOES HEADLINE AN-OTHER STORY..



WELL, AT LEAST YOU SAVED THE CONFERENCE, KEITH!

YES, BUT THE MIRROR MAN ESCAPED! I'LL NEVER REST UNTIL HE'S COMPLETELY DESTROYED!



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